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## **TDLR's Dyslexia Therapy Advisory Committee Meets Monday in Austin**

**AUSTIN** – The Dyslexia Therapy Advisory Committee of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will meet in Austin at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 24.

Members of the committee provide advice and recommendations to TDLR on technical matters relevant to the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 403, which governs licensed dyslexia practitioners and licensed dyslexia therapists.

At Monday's meeting, committee members will:

- Consider rule changes and possible action related to amendments made by the State Board of Education (SBOE) to Section 74.28 in Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code in response to House Bill 1886 (HB 1886), 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017. HB 1886 amended the Texas Education Code to: require screening or testing for dyslexia of each student in kindergarten and first grade; require each regional education service center to employ a licensed dyslexia therapist; and require the Texas Education Agency to annually develop a list of training opportunities that enable educators to understand and recognize dyslexia. In response to HB 1886, the SBOE adopted amendments to its administrative rules to clarify the requirements for screening students for dyslexia, extend the dyslexia-related requirements for school districts to open-enrollment charter schools, and address the information and education programs that must be provided to parents.
- Discuss State Board of Education updates to the *Dyslexia Handbook* and possibly take action related to those changes.

Any rule changes that the committee recommends will be published in the *Texas Register* for public comment, will be subject to revisions based on public comments, and will then go to the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation for possible adoption.

The agenda for Monday's meeting can be found here:

<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/dtp/agendas/dtpagenda092418.htm>. Reporters are welcome to attend the meeting at the TDLR North Austin campus (first-floor meeting room, 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 125E) or watch it live on the TDLR YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TexasLicensing>.

For any questions about the agenda or securing a seat at the meeting, please contact TDLR PIO Tela Mange.

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